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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Kazunari TONAMI, et al.

SERIAL NO: NEW APPLICATION

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EXAMINER:

FOR: IMAGE-PROCESSING DEVICE USING QUANTIZATION THRESHOLD VALUES PRODUCED ACCORDING TO A DITHER THRESHOLD MATRIX AND ARRANGING DOT-ON PIXELS IN A PLURAL-PIXEL FIELD ACCORDING TO THE DITHER THRESHOLD MATRIX

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- A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

- Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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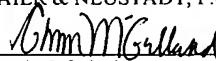
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**LIST OF RELATED CASES**

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**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY**

References AO (7-295527) and AP (11-155064) on form PTO-1449:

These references are described briefly in the specification.

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AO	7-295527	11/10/95	JAPAN (with English Abstract)		X
	AP	11-155064	06/08/99	JAPAN (with English Abstract)		X
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